REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment-A the claims in the application are claims 1-7, of which claim 1 is independent.

The specification, claims, abstract and drawings have been amended to overcome minor informalities therein, to be more consistent throughout. Specifically in Fig. 4, the spelling of –NORMAL-- is corrected.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application. Applicant also respectfully submits that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter into the application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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